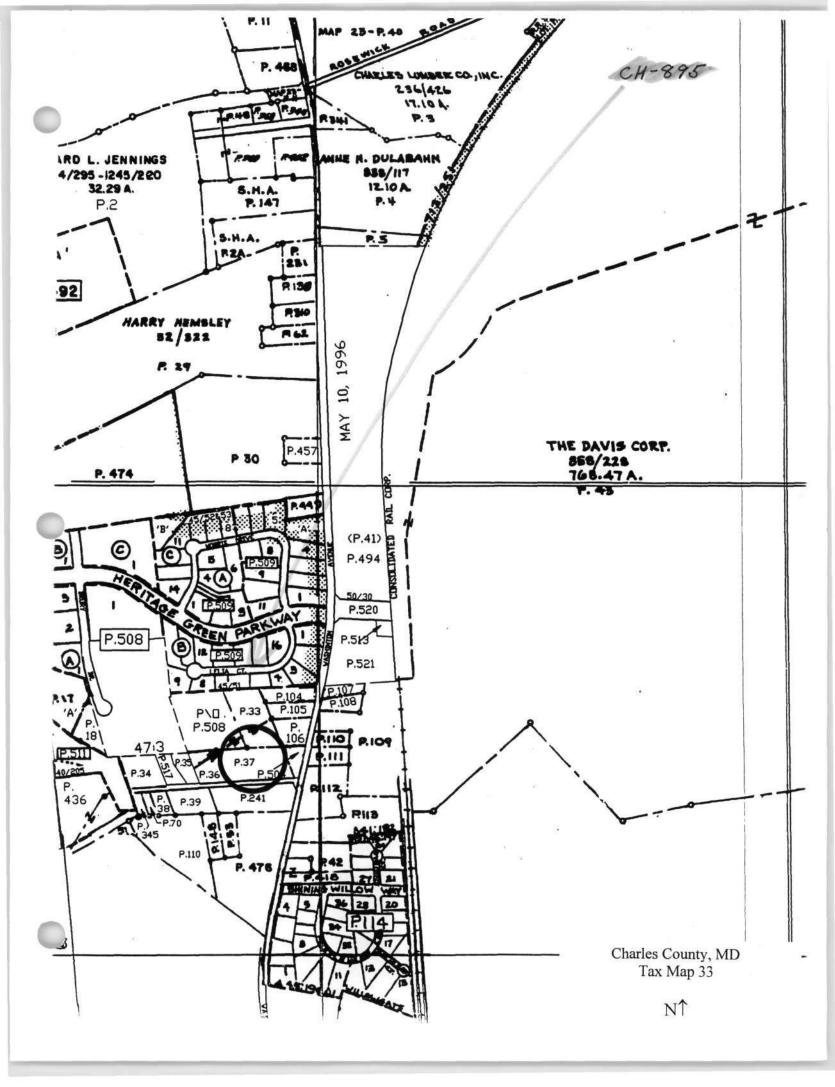
## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Inventory Number: VESCON CH-895
Address: Pender Road, Charles County - 17 the Vicinity of La Plata
Owner: Brown, Leonard B and Estelle V
Tax Parcel Number: 37 Tax Map Number: 33
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility <b>not</b> recommended _X
Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None
Is property located within a historic district?: X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no _ yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
Several single family residences are located along Pender Road. Located on the north side of the road, the easternmost dwelling is one-story with a front gable roof. The one-story, full-width, screed porch wraps around from the main elevation (southwest) to the northwest elevation. An enclosed porch is located on the southeast elevation. On the south side of the road, to the west of the first dwelling, is a dilapidated, one-story dwelling with a side gable roof.
Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.
World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW  Eligibility recommended  Criteria: _ A _ B
Ole 10/27/99
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  Date
Reviewer, NR Program Date

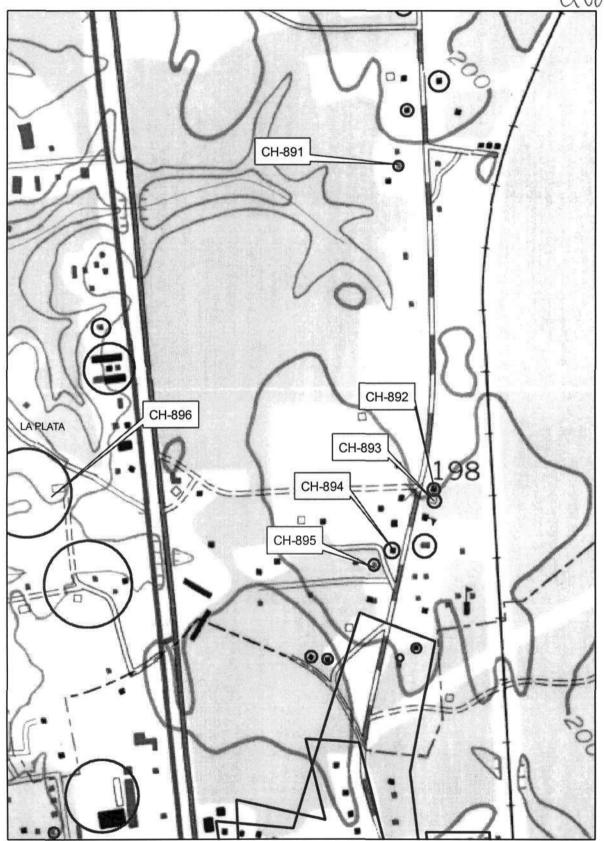
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development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travelrelated services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1920, these vernacular houses are not eligible for the National Register. While they are typical of the residential development within La Plata, these resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

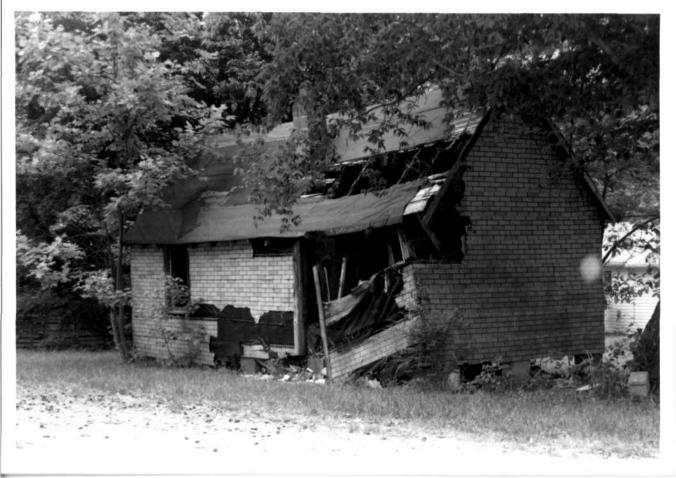


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